

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 15, 2017 – 7PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp, Assistant Clerk Drewes.

At 7:00 pm Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the meeting.

DEC PERMIT: Mayor Blundell showed a map of the Village water district. Hoffman Farms were discussed and the Board was updated on the status of overall plan in the TND. Water service has been offered to them at 1.5 multiplier of the Village rate. Kirchhoff will complete a service loop off of Old Farm Rd. to help with Village water service. This will involve easements, construction, etc. Then, Baright will place a water main for the Village south on Rt. 9 to complete the loop connection from Hoffman Farms. Master meters will be installed on Rt. 9 at Baright's Hardscrabble Plaza and then at the vacant Ross property. The same rate will apply, a 1.5 multiplier. DM Kovalchik asked whether Hoffman or others will be a zone of assessment through the county or town. Mayor Blundell responded that Hoffman is going to be a zone of assessment but the Village is not sure of what will be built at the Baright or Ross owned locations, if anything. The Village will only sell water to the master meter. The outside village contract is being reviewed by counsel.

RHFD: Mayor Blundell stated that an MOU has been drafted between the RHFD and Village of Red Hook, which he showed the Board. The agreement outlines establishing continuous communication between the FD and Village of Red Hook. Trustee Laing suggested the wording be changed to say "regular contact." Mayor Blundell wants to have a non-contractual, written agreement with the FD and will pass on MOU to the Village attorney. DM Kovalchik inquired as to how the fees were calculated, and asked if we should require that in a written agreement. Mayor Blundell will continue with negotiations, pending review by counsel/FD. He will send a memo to Rob Frye requesting that the FD take down the sign posted on S. Broadway.

PANDA: Mayor Blundell stated he's been sitting with Michael Yonchenko, who works with students at RHS and who has offered to mentor students to film board meetings and forego PANDA by doing independent online streaming. But, a worst case scenario arose - Michael was unable to make the most recent board meeting, despite plans to the contrary, which posed a good argument to keep PANDA. Trustee Laing questioned the reliability for future meetings. Trustee Norris stated that PANDA is a good resource, but could be improved. Mayor Blundell distributed the PANDA budget and explained a spreadsheet showing subscribers from 5 municipalities, divided by municipal budgets. He said the Village needs to give PANDA an answer ASAP. DM Kovalchik mentioned that Rhinebeck wants the Village Board to negotiate with PANDA. Mayor Blundell discussed the most recent EDC meeting, where the issue was discussed. Mayor Blundell suggests PANDA saving money by doing away with their calendar and using the Red Hook community calendar online instead. Trustee Norris asked whether Milan was being filmed, and whether they could potentially contribute – are there other

municipalities not participating that could potentially lower the cost for everyone? Trustee Norris also commented that we should be paying PANDA something, but that PANDA should review cost demands. Trustee Laing concurred with Mayor Blundell, stated that PANDA should move away from subscriber based percentages, and form their budgets based on populations instead. Trustee Norris also asked why the school district was not contributing. DM Kovalchik mentioned sports events and concerts being potentially filmed. Based on the discussion, Mayor Blundell stated that the Village has \$6,000.00 in the budget for media. He would offer it to PANDA and will review the draft agreement that the board has received. He will propose to them deleting their calendar and discounting the Village's expected percentage. He will also suggest getting support from other Northern Dutchess communities and building up digital support. He will offer them a 6 month contractual option, and 50% of their proposed budget. He will draft an agreement.

KNOLLWOOD COMMONS/ESCROW: The Village of Red Hook has been holding \$9,600.00 of escrow funds. Mayor Blundell wants the Planning Board to review before sending it back. The Board was in agreement, and the Planning Board will be notified.

At 8:20 p.m. Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session for collective bargaining/personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion.

At this time, Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting.

At 8:46 p.m. Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter back into regular session. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

At 8:47 p.m. DM Kovalchik motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk